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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/810,828

Applicant(s)

MIZUKOSHI ET AL.

Examiner

RAMON O. RAMIREZ

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 9 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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Detailed Action

This is the second Office Action corresponding to amendment filed Mar 14, 2005. The application contains 11 claims. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent 4-44581 (Japanese Patent) in view of Basicckes et al. (Pat No 6,152,412) and Larmarde et al. (Pat No 6,588,533).

The Japanese Patent discloses a holder comprising a base (3), attaching means (6), curved wall defining a space, a finger (1) extending from the top of the wall, and antivibration material (13) on said space.

The patent to Basicckes et al. discloses another holder having ribs 2 to increase gripping. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the holder shown by the Japanese Patent with rib means as shown by Basicckes et al. to increase the gripping. It would further be obvious to use a coating of antivibration at any desired location of the clamp to increase the antivibration capabilities of the clamp.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-8 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant states that the use of a coating of antivibration material is new. The examiner respectfully disagrees. Several patents are now cited all of them teaching the coating of antivibration material. All of these patents are related art since they are related to means to reduce vibration.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wesch et al. (5,756,555 – see Col 1, lines 20-26), Japanese Pat No 54-41954 (see Abstract translation) and Japanese Pat No 7-247446 (see Abstract translation).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMON O. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (571) 272-6821. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY, IST FRIDAY OFF.

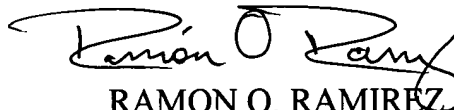
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LESLIE BRAUN can be reached on (571) 272-6815.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A shortened period for response to this Office Action expires THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

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May 12, 2005


RAMON O. RAMIREZ
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